

**OW Staff Meeting Talking Points
12-20-2013**

Waters of the US

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Nonresponsive talking points unrelated to Pebble

WUS Connectivity Synthesis Draft Report

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Bristol Bay Assessment

- On 12/19, representatives from Commercial and Sports Fisherman, Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) and Native Tribal leaders will meet with the Administrator and other senior managers. We expect they will press for details on EPA's finalization of the BBA, encourage expediting its release, and stress their desire for EPA to initiate a regulatory action (as soon as the BBA is released) to protect the Bristol Bay, particularly its fishery resources, from the adverse impacts of large-scale mining.
- On 12/16, the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) met with the Administrator and other senior managers. The UTBB reps thanked EPA for all the hard work and dedication on the BBA effort, for honoring the govt to govt process, and for making a concerted effort to listen to the voices of Alaska Natives and incorporate their input into the BBA. They also stressed their two "asks" of EPA: 1) finalize and release the BBA ASAP and 2) initiate an advance 404(c) action to protect Bristol Bay from the adverse effects of large-scale mining.
- Key target dates for finalizing BBA are as follows:

- 12/12-19/2013: Complete “camera ready” draft of remaining chapters and circulate for internal review by the BBA team and appropriate individuals for final agency review and clearance.
- **1/7/2014:** Final BBA document to be ready for public release. Release may occur on 1/7/14 or 1/15/14. Response to Comment (RTC) document for Peer Review comments (RTC documents for 2012 and 2013 Public comments) will be released on 1/22/13.

Rosemont Mine (AZ)

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South Coast Rail (MA)

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